

conditions, and the larger ones for such special conditions as arthritis and those involving orthopaedic surgery, plastic surgery, neuro-surgery, neuro-psychiatry, etc. Active Convalescence institutions are ordinarily referred to as Health and Occupational Centres and provide physical and occupational therapy and physical re-training to convalescent patients. Special Treatment Centres are chiefly tuberculosis sanatoria; a hospital for the care of paraplegics and one for neuroses are also included under this heading. Veterans Homes provide domiciliary care for veterans who require it.

The large number of veterans requiring treatment severely taxed all Departmental treatment resources throughout the calendar year 1946. Eligibility for treatment is disappearing in a large number of cases and it is anticipated that the maximum patient load will have been passed in the late spring of 1947. The movement of hospital population for the calendar year 1946 is shown in Table 8 and Table 9 records the main types of treatment provided and classifies the recipients.

8.—Movement of Population in Departmental Hospitals and Number of Clinical Treatments, by Months, 1946

Month	Movement of Population				Clinical Treatments
	Admissions for Month	Discharges for Month	Deaths	Patient Strength at Close of Month ¹	
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
January.....	4,798	3,084	90	7,721	85,759
February.....	4,216	1,492	37	10,192	102,068
March.....	5,737	5,520	111	8,366	90,887
April.....	6,505	4,495	98	9,979	62,165
May.....	5,029	3,109	66	10,900	88,769
June.....	5,530	3,975	68	11,150	109,333
July.....	5,901	3,877	95	11,452	80,223
August.....	5,058	4,111	104	12,142	107,611
September.....	8,134	6,095	115	12,671	92,781
October.....	7,621	6,772	97	11,382	90,247
November.....	6,833	5,445	79	11,297	112,151
December.....	6,285	5,611	79	10,407	71,011
Totals.....	71,647	53,586	1,039	—	1,093,005

¹ The lack of balance between months is caused by transfers between Departmental and contract hospitals.

9.—Patients in Departmental Hospitals, Classified According to Veteran Status and Treatment Groups, by Months, 1946

Month	Total of Patients at Close of Month	Veteran Status			Treatment Groups		
		Veteran of War of 1914-18	Veteran of War of 1939-45	Other Persons	General Treatment	T.B. Treatment	Mental Treatment
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
January.....	7,721	1,972	4,947	802	6,513	447	761
February.....	10,192	2,045	7,276	871	8,918	496	778
March.....	8,366	1,996	5,636	734	7,095	500	771
April.....	9,979	2,262	7,067	650	8,610	595	774
May.....	10,900	2,237	7,978	685	9,493	628	779
June.....	11,150	2,398	8,126	626	9,687	674	789
July.....	11,452	2,385	8,401	666	9,954	710	788
August.....	12,142	2,301	9,076	765	10,626	741	775
September.....	12,671	2,444	9,455	772	11,003	887	781
October.....	11,382	2,140	8,607	635	9,700	897	785
November.....	11,297	2,582	8,129	586	9,630	893	774
December.....	10,407	2,624	7,241	542	8,777	871	759